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SUBJECT: SAUDI STEEL COMPLEX

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1. RE REFTEL, POST IS NOT FAMILIAR WITH "PETROMAR STEEL COMPLEX". ONLY STEEL PROJECT IT IS AWARE OF IN ITS CONSULAR DISTRICT IS STEEL MILL AT JUBAIL (WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN DOWNGRADED TO A SPONGE IRON PLANT). JUBAIL PROJECT IS BEING PUT TOGETHER BY CONSORTIUM LEAD BY MARCONA, 1 MARITIME PLAZA, SAN FRANCISCO. CONGENOFF WAS TOLD BY SAG OFFICIAL RECENTLY THAT SWINDELL-DRESSLER PROCESS IS HIGH ON LIST OF FOUR PROCESSES BEING CONSIDERED FOR PROPOSED SPONGE IRON PLANT BUT NO DECISION WOULD BE MADE UNTIL LATTER PART OF 1977. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE OF INFORMATION, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES INTENDS TO SIGN CONTRACT EARLY IN 1977 WITH MARCONA TO CONDUCT ENGINEERING STUDIES AND OUT OF THOSE STUDIES WILL COME DECISION AS TO WHICH PROCESS TO USE.

2. ASSUME DEPT WILL FOLLOW UP FOREGOING WITH CALL TO MARCONA IN CALIFORNIA. POST WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING SUMMARY OF CONVERSATION AS IT IS IN FINAL STATE OF DRAFTING AIRGRAM WHICH REVIEWS ALL INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS PLANNED FOR JUBAIL. ONE OF LOOSE ENDS ON THIS PROJECT, WE DISCOVERED, CONCERNS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN CONSORTIUM. A NUMBER OF COMPANIES HAVE BEEN MENTIONED BUT MOST, ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, HAVE WITHDRAWN FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF DEPARTMENT WOULD FIND OUT FROM MARCONA WHO IT CONSIDERS
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TO BE FIRMLY ON BOARD FOR THE JUBAIL PROJECT. COMMENTS OF

MARCONA ON ITS PROPOSED PROJECT FOR JUBAIL WOULD BE VERY
HELPFUL AS WE SEE PROJECT ONLY FROM SAUDI SIDE. WE NOTE THAT
MARCONA DOES MAINTAIN REPRESENTATIVE IN CONSULAR DISTRICT
BUT WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO REACH HIM FOR OVER TWO MONTHS.
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